

FORT HUACHUCA 5-YEAR MCA PROGRAM

SENATOR HAYDEN, AND SENATOR FANNON:

STRATCOM IS VERY THANKFUL TO HAVE MOVED TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND TO FT HUACHUCA WITH ITS INVIGORATING CLIMATE AND INTO THIS MODERN OFFICE FACILITY HERE AT GREELY HALL. WE ARE AWARE OF YOUR GREAT INTEREST IN THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PROPER UTILIZATION OF FT HUACHUCA AND WE ARE JUST AS INTERESTED. WITH ITS RESIDENT POPULATION OF 17,000 AND ITS DAYTIME POPULATION OF 20,000, FT HUACHUCA REPRESENTS A MAJOR COMMUNITY AND ASSET TO YOUR STATE. WE IN STRATCOM ARE PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF DEVELOPING THE NECESSARY OPERATIONAL AND SUPPORT FACILITIES AT FT HUACHUCA AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICAL DATE. IN THIS REGARD GENERAL MEYER DIRECTED THAT MY OFFICE TAKE ACTION TO EXPEDITE AND COMPRESS THE MCA PROGRAM ENVISIONED BY FT HUACHUCA.

RECOGNIZING THAT THE MCA PROGRAM SUBMISSION DATES ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPT OF DEFENSE AND DEPT OF ARMY TO ALLOW TIMELY SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS DID NOT ALLOW FOR FULL STAFFING AND STILL MEET THE TIME FRAME FOR SUBMISSION INTO THE FY 69 PROGRAM, WE REQUESTED THAT ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND SUBMIT TO DEPT OF ARMY ADDITIONAL MCA PROJECTS FOR FY 69. EACH SUBMISSION REQUIRES PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING WORK AND COST ESTIMATES TO ALLOW THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF A DEPT OF ARMY FORM 1391 WHICH CONTAINS THE JUSTIFICATION FOR EACH MILITARY CONSTRUCTION LINE ITEM. AT OUR REQUEST THE FT HUACHUCA POST ENGINEER WAS ABLE TO DEVELOP THE NECESSARY DATA AND PREPARATION OF 1391's FOR TEN PROJECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FY 69 PROGRAM. UNFORTUNATELY ALL OF THESE COULD NOT BE PREPARED SIMULTANEOUSLY AND IN MID JUNE WE HAND CARRIED TO DEPT OF ARMY WITH CONCURRENCE OF ARMY MAT COM THE TOP PRIORITY MCA ITEMS FOR FT HUACHUCA.

THESE ITEMS DID MEET THE DEAD LINE AT DEPT OF ARMY FOR CONSOLIDATION AND PRINTING AT THAT LEVEL. THREE OF OUR LINE ITEMS, WHICH WE FEEL SHOULD BE MET IN THE FY 69 TIME FRAME MAY BE SLIPPED BY DEPT OF ARMY TO THE 1970 PROGRAM DUE TO LATE SUBMISSION: THEY ARE THE POST LIBRARY, HOSPITAL WAREHOUSE, AND TWO EM BARRACKS W/O MESS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THESE . I WILL POINT OUT ON OUR MASTER PLANNING MAP THE PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR THE 5-YEAR PERIOD FY 69 THROUGH FY 73 AND BRIEFLY COVER THE SCOPE OF THE FY 69 LINE ITEMS. IN FY 69 WE HAVE PROPOSED TEN PROJECTS THAT ARE COLOR-CODED ON THIS MAP IN GREEN.

THE FIRST PRIORITY ITEM IS ENTITLED WATER DEVELOPMENT, CANYON & SEWAGE LAGOONS. THE DOLLAR VALUE OF THIS PROJECT IS \$1,750,000. IT CONSISTS ESSENTIALLY OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF CUT-OFF DAMS WITH INFILTRATION GALLERIES AND COLLECTION PIPING. THE DAMS ARE ESSENTIALLY BELOW THE SURFACE EXTENDING FROM THE STREAM BED LEVEL IN BOTH HUACHUCA AND GARDEN CANYONS DOWN TO BEDROCK. THIS ITEM IS ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL WATER RESOURCES FOR DOMESTIC AND IRRIGATIONAL USE AT FT HUACHUCA. THE CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION OF THE WATER RESOURCES OF THESE TWO CANYONS WILL REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF WATER WITHDRAWN FROM THE DIMINISHING UNDERGROUND WATER BASIN. THIS CONSERVATION NOT ONLY EFFECTS FT HUACHUCA BUT HAS A CORRESPONDING IMPACT ON THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES IN THAT THE WATER RESOURCES OF SIERRA VISTA AND HUACHUCA CITY ARE SUPPLIED FROM GENERALLY THE SAME UNDERGROUND BASIN. SINCE 1959 THE STATIC LEVEL OF THE WATER BASIN HAS LOWERED SOME 19 FEET AND THE RATE OF ANNUAL FALL IS INCREASING. AMPLIFICATION OF THIS BRIEF DATA IS CONTAINED IN THE 1391. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROJECTS I AND THE POST ENGINEER, COL HILLABRANT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ANSWER MORE FULLY.

THE SECOND PROJECT IN THE FY 69 PROGRAM IS A 40-MAN BOQ AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$380,000. THIS ITEM IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE BOQ SPACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS PRESCRIBED BY CURRENT REGULATIONS. PRESENT FACILITIES IN USE AT